

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 1, lines 7-18, as follows:

This invention relates to Controlled Low-Strength Mixtures (CLSMs), or flowable back-fills. This class of materials has utility as pipe bedding materials ~~has utility as pipe bedding materials~~ where they are used to both protect the pipe from external agents and internal loads. They have also been used as an erosion barrier in embankments and as a mine fill material. CLSMs typically have strengths of less than 2000 psi and, in cases where removal is contemplated, less than 200 psi for ease of removal. The material should be initially in the form of an easily pumpable, self-leveling slurry. Rapid early strength development (approximately 50-70 psi) is a desirable property and is currently not obtainable with commercial products without the penalty of high strength development at later stages. U.S. Patent No. 5,106,422 discloses Class C Fly ash in a rapid setting flowable backfill composition and method for its use.

Please amend page 4, lines 11-22, as follows:

The iron chelating compound may be in quantities in the range of 0.01% ~~or to~~ 5.0% by weight. Effective results have been obtained and reasonably should be obtained from ~~chelting~~ chelating agents or compounds selected from the group consisting of an alkanolamine, a polymer of ethyleneimine, a block copolymer containing polyethyleneimine segments, an amino-substituted polymer of acrylic acid, the salt of an amino-substituted polymer of acrylic acid, a carboxyated amine compound, a salt of a carboxyated amine compound, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and salts thereof, nitrilotriacetic acid and salts thereof, an amine substituted surfactant, an amine oxide substituted surfactant, and a guanidine salt.

The following examples illustrate the nature of the present invention. Set times were determined when a 0.25" diameter penetrometer needle provided a reading of 200 psi on insertion to a depth of 1.0". No iron chelating compounds were used in Examples 1-13.

Please amend page 6, lines 6-7, as follows:

The following examples illustrate the effect of the addition of an iron chelating compound, namely, an alkanolamine.